GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4412
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Launch of 104 Satellites
Suresh Shri Doddaalahalli Kempegowda

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the launch of 104 satellites, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is competing with other international players for a greater share of launch market and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has studied the likely benefit for ISRO in competing with other international players in launch market; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) No Madam. While ISRO is not competing with other international players for a greater share of launch market, it is making use of the spare capacity available onboard PSLV, after meeting the national requirements, for commercial launch services through Antrix. With the launch of 104 satellites in a single mission, PSLV has once again demonstrated its reliability and versatility in launching multi-satellite/ multi-orbit missions. While PSLV has already established itself as a preferred launch vehicle, in its class, in the global satellite market, this mission is expected to further strengthen the commercial footprint of PSLV in the global market for launch services, especially for smaller satellites.

(b) & (c)
Making available the spare capacity onboard PSLV for commercial launch services, helps in fully utilizing the capacity of the launch vehicle as well as earning of foreign exchange. The commercial launch opportunities and prospects in the launch market increases with every successful launch.

*****